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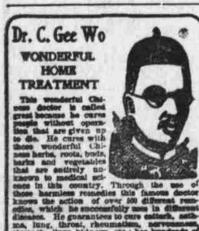
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# Jim's Mother

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Miss Turnbull, her arms full of blos soming lilacs, entered the dusty day coach and walked slowly down the aisle. The car was crowded. Passing the seats where men sprawled over the hot looking red plush, she moved forward to halt by the side of an old woman, a gentle faced little creature neatly dressed in a threadbare black "May I sit here?" asked Miss Turn-

The old woman, glancing up, bull. moved quickly toward the window. "Pray do," she urged heartily. As Miss Turnbull settled down, her companion, attracted by the purple flow

ers, put out a wrinkled hand and stroked the fragrant buds. "They remind me of early days when

I lived in the country," she volunteered, with a shy smile. "Of course my son Jim gives me a nice house in the city now," with a touch of pride, "but I still love the country.'

Miss Turnbull smiled, and insensibly the two drifted into conversation. Yet intelligently as her torgue answered, the girl's mind was absorbed in an undercurrent of its own. She was going home, back to New York; back to him. What good was a vacation? It girl. would be three weeks tomorrow since she had gone away. Had he missed her? Dear Jim! It seemed almost absurd to remember that they had known each other less than a year!

One single dark thread mingled with the happy fabric woven by her thoughts. That was Jim's attitude regarding his mother. She would marry no man whose family did not welcome her, mused the girl, with spirited independence. And Jim knew that. The old woman's somewhat querulous voice brought her back with a start.

"Yes, my boy Jim lives in New York. And he's got engaged down there. I'm going down now to see his girl. 'Pears like as if no one was good enough for Jim. And, besides, this girl"- Then, she paused, evidently recollecting that her listener was a stranger.

Miss Turnbull became conscious of a vague suspicion, a strange doubt. Could it be possible? "We must wait until you meet my mother. I am sure things will come right then," Jim had said, Somehow she had always imagined that Jim's mother disapproved of her.



OH, MY DEAR, MY DEAR," SHE UTTERED,

and she had resented the fact. She knew nothing of Jim's family save that he came from somewhere up state. And he had written that he was expecting his mother for a visit. The girl's eyes widened. Could it be credible that this woman, ignorant, unlettered, might be Jim's mother? For the moment a quick distaste made her draw back, then a look at the kindly. faded face with the steadfast blue eyes awakened a nobler feeling. After all, what were mere externals worth? Did not beauty of soul count for more than beauty of diction? And Jim loved her! The girl's eyes showed a new sympathy as she turned to her com-

"Tell me"— she began. But the sen-tence was never finished. There was a crash, a jar, a sickening suspense, as the car wavered. Another moment and the heavy wood crumpled into cardboard. Flung to one side by the force of the impact, Emily Turnbull struggled to her knees. The car roof above her was split open. She was not badly enough hurt to prevent her crawling through that aperture to safety. All around her rose cries and groans. The girl shuddered. Her lilacs, fallen beside her, filled the air with their crushed sweetness, and a sudden thought made her start. Jim's mother! The old woman lay pinioned under a seat, senseless from a cut on her forehead. Emily hesitated. Could she leave her? Yet what good could she achieve by staying? And it meant death for both! The piteous shricks for help were increasing. She could hear a crackle of burning wood. The car was on fire. With a tremendous effort Emily attempted to move the heavy seat. Useless. Yet she wrestled with the cruel iron, striving in desperation to lift it even an inch. The noise of the flames came nearer. The bent

last despairing effort, the girl sent her voice ringing out in a wild appeal for aid and then, exhausted, sank insensiple beside the limp figure that she

On opening her eyes Emily Turnbull gazed about her in bewilderment. Was she dead? The room was quite unfamiliar. Bare white walls met her wondering eyes. A woman seated by the bed whereon she lay rose and smiled down on her.

"Do not be frightened," said the woman in a low, reassuring voice. "You are at the Warren House, where they brought you after the accident, A few days' rest will make you quite strong again. Some men found you just at the last moment. They heard your call. We people in the rear cars were not injured," she continued, "and, knowing a little about nursing, I offered my services." She did not think it necessary to add that the attraction of

the unconscious girl's face had somewhat prompted her offer. "Now try to sleep." But Emily had turned white. "Jim's mother-the woman with me!" she gasped.

"Quite safe also. You were found

clinging to her dress. You knew her then? She is a relative?" seeing that the girl wished to talk. "I only met her today," responded Emily. "But she 's Jim's mother. Oh,

I must telegraph to him?" anxiously. "He will be so worried, for he knew that I was to take that train." The woman fetched pencil and paper and wrote the message. Then she

let her eyes rest thoughtfully upon the "So you are Emily Turnbull, the ac- ing and well sustains the reputation tress?" she asked. Miss Turnbull nod-

"And-and you are sure as to the in good humor by their versatile actidentity of that woman?" pursued her interlocutor. Her manner conveyed more than her words, and Emily looked

troubled. "Why, she said that her son's name was Jim and that she was going to this week is certainly one of the best New York to see his sweetheart, and- ever seen at a vaudeville show in Asand I knew that Jim's mother lived toria. There is no doubt but the house near Albany," she stammered confus- will be crowded every night during edly. "I-I thought so."

"And you risked your life to save her on that chance?" cried the other impetuously, "for the men said that you could have easily escaped." Miss Turnbull lifted her clear, gray eyes.

"I thought that she was Jim's mother," came the simple response. With a smothered exclamation, half laugh, half sob, the woman dropped pad and pencil and sank to her knees by Emily's side.

"Ob, my dear, my dear!" she uttered, "Forgive me. How hateful, how narrow minded, I have been! I am your Jim's mother. I was bound for New York on a similar errand. It was a blow, I confess, when he wrote that he wished to marry an actress. But he was quite right when he said that I had only to see you to understand. Will you marry Jim, dear? I know he loves you." Her flushed, eager face was very close to Emlly's, and for an swer the girl put up her lips and kissed the delicate cheek.

"Oh," breathed Emily, "what a beauthink that perhaps we might straight en things out for that other Jim's girl?" she added presently. "I want her to be happy too."

And Jim's mother smiled.

She Spent It. "Before you go downtown, Cyrus," said his wife, "you must not forget to leave me 50 cents. I've got to buy some things this morning."

"This abominating extravagance of yours, Belinda," replied Mr. Kneer, opening his pocketbook with visible reluctance, "is what keeps us poor. Where, I would like to know," he continued, becoming excited, "is the 50 cents I gave you last week? What have you done with it? Fifty cents in clean, cold cash, madam, gone in less than six days and gone for nothing! What have you got to show for it? Do you think I'm made of money?" demanded Mr. Kneer, taking out a coin and slapping it down on the table. "Do you"-

"Don't say anything more, Cyrus!" exclaimed Mrs. Kneer, with tears in ber eyes and putting ber hand hurriedly over the money. "I'll not spend any more of it than I am actually obliged to spend, and I thank you ever so

With a mollified grunt Cyrus put his purse back in his pocket, took his hat and went downtown, and in less than half an hour Mrs. Kneer, trembling with eagerness, was on the way to the

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